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FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5612

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2ADG LANGLEY AFB VA/DOOX

CSAF WASHDC

TAC LANGLEY AFB/VA

OASD WASHDC/ISA IMMEDIATE

58TFTW LUKE AFB AZ/DO

425TFTS WILLIAMS AFB AZ/DO

DET 6 2ADG WIESBADEN AB GE

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY SANA

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 8981

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS MOPS MASS PFOR ET US

SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF F5 A/B AIRCRAFT

REF: 2ADG LANGLEY AFB VA 231940Z JUL 75 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT SUBJECT AIRCRAFT WILL REQUIRE FUELING BETWEEN SAUDI ARABIA AND THEIR DESTINATION, HAME AFB, DEBRE ZEIT, ETHIOPIA.

2. EMBASSY EXTREMELY RELUCTANT SEE THESE AIRCRAFT, WHICH ARE BEING DELIVERED BY USAF PERSONNEL AND WHICH BEAR USAF MARKINGS, REFUELED IN ASMARA (FYI OTHER ETHIOPIAN FIELDS UNSUITABLE AND USE OF DJIBOUTI WOULD DEPRIVE AIRCRAFT OF FUEL RESERVE SAFETY MARGINS).

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3. EMBASSY'S MAIN REASONS AS FOLLOWS: THREE WAVES OF USAF-MARKED F5'S SERVICED AT ASMARA WOULD FLAUNT US MILITARY SUPPORT TO EPMG IN ERITREAN FACES WITHIN HOURS OF EAF AIR STRIKES IN VICINITY OF ASMARA (CF. ASMARA'S 636 NOTAL). ACTIVE RUMOR MILL COULD ALSO ALLEGE THAT USAF F5'S WITH USAF PILOTS ARE INVOLVED IN AIR STRIKES AGAINST VILLAGES AND OTHER TARGETS IN ERITREA. RESULT COULD INCREASE DANGER TO US PRESENCE AND FACILITIES IN ASMARA AREA. FURTHER IT COULD INCREASE RISKS TO WHICH "CISCO TWO" ALREADY EXPOSED.

4. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT DEPARTMENT AND DOD URGENTLY EXPLORE FEASIBILITY OF INTERMEDIATE FUELING THESE AIR-CRAFT IN YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC. YARG SHOULD BE FAVORABLY INFLUENCED BY FACT OF SAG COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER.

5. ADVISE.
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